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## The Status Of Women in an Islamic Society And their rights, according to the Teachings of Quran and Sunnah:

### Introduction:

Islam is undoubtedly a complete code of life encompassing each and every aspect of life. Islam has discussed and provided the mankind with a proper way forward in each sphere of life. Islam has provided the women with a proper special status in the society and specified special rights for them. The condition of women before Islam was miserable. They were considered as ill souls and were buried alive. Islam demoralised such practices and set a noble life standard for the women as given in the Holy Quran and Sunnah.



# Status Of Women in an Islamic Society:

In an Islamic society, a woman has given certain statuses, which are as follows:

- a. A woman as a mother.
- b. Woman as a daughter.
- c. Woman as a sister.
- d. Woman as a wife.
- e. Other roles associated with woman.

## a. Woman As a mother:

Islam has given woman the status of mother in the society. As a mother, they have the responsibility to grow and take care of their children and to run the house.

## b. Woman As a sister:

Woman are also given the status for their brothers. Thus they are under obligation to respect and take care of their brothers and they have the equal rights to be taken care of.



### c. Woman as a Daughter:

As a daughter, woman has certain roles regarding their father in the society. They must respect and take care of their fathers.

### d. Woman as a Wife:

Husband and wife are regarded as the two most important entities of the society. Islam has defined the roles of both. As a wife, woman are responsible to take care of the husband, their house, children, and her honour in his absence.

### e. Other roles associated with women:

Islam has also defined some other roles for the woman. Like the woman as a mother is the first teacher of her child.

Moreover, a woman can do business like Hazrat Khadijah and can opt any profession.



and while staying in the moral and ethical limits.

## Rights Of Women In an Islamic Society:

In an Islamic society the woman's are given all the general rights and in addition to which all the special rights are also given.

### a. Right to life:

Before Islam, the women were buried alive. Islam forbade these practices and gave them the right to life.

The Prophet PBUH, forbade the muslim ummah from killing their daughters and declare it as an ill practice.

### b. Right to Earn Livelihood:

The Islam has given women the right to do business or earn their livelihood while staying in the religious example. The life of Hazrat Khadijah (RA) is self-evident as she was



one of the greatest business-woman of her time.

### c. Right to make Decisions:

No one can use force against a woman in an Islamic society. She has all the right to make her decisions while staying under the teachings of Quran and sunnah.

### d. Right of Inheritance:

Women have all the rights to have their inheritance from their family members. A woman has a right to own her part as a sister from her brother, as a daughter from her father and as a wife from her husband. No one can deny the inheritance right of a woman.

### e. Right to Make Family:

An adult woman has all the rights to marry and make family while being under the limits of shariah.

### f. Right to education:



"It is obligatory for every man & woman to get education"

## Emphasization about the status and Rights of Women in Quran and Sunnah:

The Quran and Sunnah squarely defined and explained the rights of women in an Islamic society.

In the Holy Quran there is a long full chapter about the rights of woman i.e., **Al-Nisa**.

In this chapter, Allah (SWT) emphasized over the rights of women in the society.

Allah (SWT) said in the Quran,

"You are their clothes and they are Yours".

— **Al Baqarah**

Moreover, the Holy Prophet PBUH has emphasized over the rights of women on several occasions. At the **last sermon** the Holy Prophet advised the men to give the women their rights and to be good with



them and to **fear Allah** in the matters of Allah.

The Prophet PBUH said,  
"The best among you is the one who is good with their woman."

—Hadith

## Conclusion:

Islam has defined the rights and duties of each and every individual in the society including the women. Islam has given women, a very special status in the society realizing their importance for the society. Nelson Mandela once said that educated mothers can make the whole country prosperous. Islam has set the right to education centuries ago. The Almighty has asked the men to afford in the matters of woman and to give them their due. Indeed, Islam is the complete code of life encompassing all the aspects of life.



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**Ijtihad:**

**Introduction:**

There are various sources of shariah in Islam. Whenever, an issue comes it is said to resolve the issue from the Quran first, if it is not resolved from the Quran then it is preferred to consult the sunnah. If the matter is not resolved through sunnah then the scholars can do consensus (ijma). If the consensus is not possible then a scholar having all the qualifications can do ijtihad to extract the right order for the matter using his knowledge and intellect.

**Definition of Ijtihad:**

**Literal Meanings:**

Ijtihad is derived from an Arabic word "Jahada" (جَاهَدَ) which means to strive or make efforts.



## Contextual Meaning:

"It is the efforts of a scholar (Mujtahid) to deduce the right order for a situation using his intellect and knowledge."

-Dr. Hamidullah.

## Conditions for Ijtihad:

1. Mujtahid having all the required qualifications.
2. Ijtihad must not conflict the teachings of Quran and sunnah.
3. The matter should not be present explicitly in the Quran or sunnah.

## Qualifications of Mujtahid:

1. Mujtahid must be an adult muslim.
2. He must be a man of great character.
3. He must have all the required knowledge of Quran and sunnah.
4. He must have the capability to think and deduce the order (Hukm).



# Mujtahid and its kinds:

Mujtahid is the scholar doing the ijtihad. He has all the qualifications.

There are some kinds of Mujtahid.

## I. Mujtahid Fil Shar:

These are the founders of Fiqh. Like Imam Abu Hanifa, Imam Malike etc.

## II. Mujtahid Fil Madhab:

Mujtahid who are to follow the teachings of Mujtahid fil shar. e.g Imam Abu Yusuf following Imam Abu Hanifa.

## III. Mujtahid Fil Masail:

Mujtahid who has expertise in a particular problem and who is bound to do Ijtihad in only that matter.

## IV. Mujtahid Fil Muqaid:

Mujtahid Muqaid (مُقَيَّد) cannot go beyond the teachings of the Mujtahid Fil shar. They can resolve the issues but are restricted from doing ijtihad.



## Ijtihad in the Contemporary World:

In the contemporary world, there are various examples of Ijtihad can be found for the deduction of shariah principles. The best example of Ijtihad in the modern era is the Islamic Republic of Iran where the Ijtihad is vastly practiced and most of their matters are resolved via Ijtihad.

## Conclusion:

As Islam has provided a proper way forward through its teachings to resolve the matters of all kinds. Ijtihad is a way to resolve the matters, as prescribed by the Islam. It should be used, the way it has been prescribed.



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## Importance of Education In Deen:

### Introduction:

As the Deen of the Holy Prophet PBUH is the best example to spend the life. As it encompasses each and every aspect of life. The life of the Holy Prophet PBUH has given a complete way forward to the mankind. In the life of the Prophet PBUH, He (PBUH) has put a serious emphasis on the education.

Allah SWT said in the Quran:

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ

فَتَوَلَّوْاْ بَعْضُكُم مِّنْ بَعْضٍ

وَمَا تَصَدَّقُونَ

"Indeed, for you, there is a perfect example in the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)"

—Al Quran



### a. Prophet as A teacher:

The Prophet PBUH showed pride and said that he has been sent as a teacher. The nobility and importance of education is evident from the fact that the Prophet PBUH used the word 'teacher' for him.

The Prophet PBUH said,  
 "أنا أُرسلتُ"

Indeed, I have been sent as a teacher.

— Hadith

### b. Education is obligatory:

The Prophet PBUH has emphasized so much on education that he declared it obligatory on all the muslim man and women to get education.

He (PBUH) said,

"طلب العلم فريضة على كل مسلم"

"Pursuance of education is obligatory on every muslim"

— Hadith



#### d. Emphasis on the Pursuance of Knowledge

The Holy Prophet PBUH has emphasized so much on gaining and pursuing knowledge. The Holy Prophet PBUH once said,

"Seek knowledge if you have to go to China."  
- Hadith

#### e. Education and the Prisoners of Badr

The Holy Prophet PBUH after the Battle of Badr asked the educated prisoners to teach the young muslim children.

#### f. The Prophet Preferred the Group Discussing something over the Group worshipping, in Masjid-e-Nabawi.

It is the importance



of knowledge and education that the Holy Prophet preferred the Halqa-e-zikr over the group doing Ibadat in the Mosque of Nabawi.

## Conclusion:

The Prophet (PBUH) being the canon of mercy and bounty has emphasized over the importance of education so much. Even ~~the~~ He (PBUH) declare it obligatory to seek knowledge. Now, it is the duty of every muslim to seek and spread knowledge.



## Q No. 2

Doctrine Of AkhiraIntroduction:

Islam has set an extensive believe system without which no one can claim him or her to be muslim. According to the shariah there are five pillars of the Iman.

"أشهد أن لا إله إلا الله"

"وأشهد أن محمداً رسول الله"

"I believe in Allah, His Angels, His books, His Messenger and the Last Day".

It is obligatory on every muslim to believe in the five pillars. The doctrine of Akhira is the fifth pillar and is of great importance as it embellishes and flourishes the individual as well as the collective life.



# Importance of the Doctrine of Akhirah In Human Life:

1. Importance of Doctrine of Akhirah on individual Life
- a. Importance on the Collective Life.

## 1. Importance of the Doctrine of Akhirah on Individual Life:

### a. Satisfied Life:

An individual believing in the doctrine of Akhirah will have a satisfied life as he will have the belief that this life is temporary and the eternal life is about to come.

Allah SWT said,

"The life of the world is temporary"

Al-Quran

### b. Doing Good Deeds:

The doctrine of Akhirah will make the believer do all the good things as he knows that the good deeds will be rewarded in the next life.



Allah SWT said,  
ومن اتي عمل مثقال ذرة  
خيرا

(القرآن)

It can be explained as  
whoever does a minute good  
deed will be awarded.

### C. Refraining From the Bad Deeds:

Beside doing all the  
good deeds, he refrains from  
all the bad deeds as he  
knows that the bad deeds  
will be penalized.

Allah SWT said,

"ومن يعمل مثقال ذرة  
شرا"

(القرآن)

It is explained as, whoever  
does a bad deed of minute  
amount shall be punished.

### d. Will Become A Man of Great Character:

Doing the good deeds and  
refraining from the bad, the  
believer will become a man  
of great character.

"أمر بالمعروف ونهى عن المنكر"



### e. Good Relations with Allah:

The believer, having a firm belief in the doctrine of Akhirah will build a good relation with Allah. As he is doing all the good deeds and avoiding the bad. This belief will ultimately lead to a prosperous individual life ahead.

## Importance Of the Doctrine Of Akhirah On the Collective Life!

### a. Establishment of a Just Society:

When all the individuals believing in the doctrine of Akhirah live in the same society, they will do the good deeds and refrain from doing the bad. Resultantly, a just society will be established on the teachings of Quran and Sunnah.



### b. Eradication of social evils:

In such a just society, where everyone has a firm belief in the doctrine of Akhroah, the social evils and crimes can be easily eradicated in no time. Because of the fact that everyone is busy in embellishing the life of Hereafter by doing all the good deeds and refraining from doing the bad.

### c. Collective Prosperity:

When everyone in the society does good, the society as a whole will grow and prosper in each and every sphere of life. Thus it can be said that the doctrine of Akhroah can be an integral cause for collective prosperity.

### d. Sense of Responsibility:

The doctrine of Akhroah will give a sense of responsibility, not only to the individuals but also to the society as a whole. As everyone knows the fact that



they will be accountable  
for their each and every  
act in the Akhirah.

## Conclusion:

All the pillars of  
Islam are of great  
importance for Muslims.  
Every pillar has its positive  
impact on the life of  
Muslims. The Doctrine of  
Akhirah which is the  
fifth pillar and it completes  
the man of a Muslim.  
With the Doctrine of Akhirah,  
one can achieve success both  
in the life here and in the  
eternal life hereafter.



## Q No. 7

# Causes of Decay of Muslim Ummah and Ways to Address These Causes!

### Introduction:

"Islam is the best religion,  
followed by worst followers."  
- George Bernard Shaw

Undoubtedly, Islam is the best religion as claimed even by a non-muslim and is a complete code of life. One can achieve the zenith and apex of prosperity and progress while following the teachings of Islam. It is not possible that a person is obeying Islam fully and is not achieving any prosperity. Muslims, once ruled the whole world has now decayed.



It can be said that the reasons lie in the mere fact that the muslims of today are muslims by name only. There are various reasons for this decay and it can be overcome by taking some amicable steps.

## Causes of the decay of the stature of Muslim Ummah!

### a. Distance from Islam:

The muslims of today are not following the teachings of Islam in its true sense. They are muslims by names only. As in the words of George Bernard Shaw the muslims are the worst followers of the best religion.

### b. Following the Footsteps of west

The muslims are inspired by the western culture and following them blindly. In doing so they have forgotten the precious islamic culture.



### c. Diversity Among Muslims!

Allah SWT said,  
"وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحُلِيٍّ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا  
وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا."

It can be explained that the muslims should firmly stay together and do not disintegrate.

But the muslims of today are disintegrated and are not united at all.

### d. Realist Approach Among Muslim States:

The Muslim leaders of today are looking for their own interest only and they have forgotten the concept of muslim ummah and brotherhood.

The Holy Prophet PBUH said,

"أَلُمَّا بِلِئَامٍ بِلْمٍ"  
"Muslims are brothers."

### e. Love of the world:

The muslims of the contemporary world have lost in the luxuries of the present world and they have forgotten the doctrine of Akhira i.e. the eternal life. Thus, are decayed completely.



# Ways to Address the causes of Decay of Muslim Ummah:

## a. Raising Muslim Unity:

The muslims should come on a single page and raise a concept of brotherhood and unity to gain the last zenith of Muslim Ummah.

As it is said and emphasized in both Quran and sunnah that a muslim is brother of another muslim and they are like a single body.

## b. Following the Islam in true sense:

Prosperity can be achieved if the teachings of Islam is practiced in its true sense.

There is a dire need to practice the teachings of Islam by all the muslims



in its true sense.

### c. Proper Mechanism to Resolve the Dispute Among Muslim States!

Another issue that causes the decay is that the muslims are fighting with each other. There should be a proper system to resolve the disputes among muslim states peacefully and in a good manner.

### d. An Attack on One Muslim State should be taken as an attack on all!

There should be a concept of unity among all the muslim states that an attack on one should be regarded as an attack on all and strive to preserve and protect



the sovereignty of Allah.

### e. Promotion of Islamic Culture Among Muslims:

The muslims tilted towards the west should be revived.

The precious culture of Islam should be practiced by all the states. Awareness initiative should be launched in order to make the decayed muslims acquainted with the Islamic culture and way of living.

### f. Establishing the Doctrine of Akhirah:

The doctrine of Akhirah gave the muslims a sense of responsibility and will ultimately help to progress and prosper.



## Conclusion:

The muslims who were once ruling the world is currently on the verge of destruction because of various causes. The zenith of the Muslims can be achieved by taking some calculated, measured and amicable steps to overcome the causes of this decay. Overcoming the causes will ultimately lead to prosperity.